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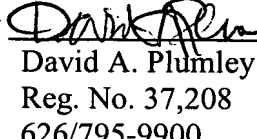
REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

As a preliminary matter, applicant notes that the examiner has not yet acknowledged receipt and consideration of the Information Disclosure Statement filed on October 16, 2006. Accordingly, applicant respectfully requests that the examiner acknowledge receipt and consideration of the Information Disclosure with the next communication from the Office.

In the Office action dated January 10, 2007, the examiner rejected all of pending claims 1-17 under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as allegedly obvious over Miura, et al. (JP 2003-197030). However, applicant has amended independent claims 1 and 6 to recite a polyether-modified silicon oil represented by formula 1 and has amended independent claims 10 and 14 to recite a polyether-modified silicon oil wherein each end Si atom includes a terminal bond to a polyether group. Miura fails to teach or suggest these features. Therefore, independent claims 1, 6, 10 and 14, as amended, and all claims dependent therefrom, including claims 2-5, 7-9, 11-13 and 15-17, are allowable over Miura.

Claims 1-17 remain pending in this application. By this amendment, applicant has amended claims 1, 6, 10 and 14. The amendments find full support in the original specification, claims and drawings. No new matter is presented. Applicant submits that all of pending claims 1-17, as amended, are in condition for allowance and therefore respectfully requests a timely indication of allowance. However, if there are any remaining issues that can be addressed by telephone, applicant invites the examiner to contact applicant's counsel at the number indicated below.

Respectfully submitted,
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